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REMARKS

Claims 12, 15, 16, and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Johnson. Claims 14 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson in view of Baxter. Claims 1 - 11 are allowed, and claims 13 and 19 are objected to. The Examiner's assistance is most appreciated. In view of the above amendment and following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the outstanding objections and rejections and allow the present application to issue.

With regard to the rejection of the claims, the features of claim 13 have been incorporated into claim 12, and the features of claim 19 have been incorporated into claim 15. As a result, claims 13 and 19 have been canceled herein.

In view of the present amendment and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of record and allow the present application to issue. No new matter is introduced. However, should there remain any open issues in this application which might be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at 320-363-7296 to further discuss the advancement of this application. While no fees should be due, please charge all small entity fees associated with this correspondence to deposit account 17-0155.

Sincerely,



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